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PROPAGATION: May 23, Low Normal; May 24, 25, High Normal; May 26, 27, Low Normal; May 28-30, High Normal; May 31, Below Normal; June

FOURTH - ANNUAL TDXB  
COUNTRIES-NEEDED SURVEY

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
222	130	5/11	165	36	5
219	130	5/12	159	35	4
217	127	5/13	151	30	3
228	129	5/14	153	23	3
214	129	5/15	143	14	3
214	136	5/16	133	12	3
203	142	5/17	130	35	n/a

CHINA: BY1PK was on 14029 at 0700Z May 18, the operator apparently being YU2DX (who was at 9N1MM last month). The appearance lasted onoy about twenty minutes, and there's no indication of how long YU2DX might be staying.

ALBANIA: Frank Turek, DL7FT, is again trying to drum up interest and monetary support for another try at Albania (he was ZA2RPS over a decade ago). He and DJ0UJ need a small bit of financial support. There is no word that he is in touch with people in Finland who are working with the Albanians (TDXB #188).

5V Somebody new may have decided to go to Togo; 5V7WI reported 14.004, 0000Z, May 19. No other info available at this time. Togo was #66 in last year's Survey.

Several overseas sheets have reported the operation last month from Trindade, signing PR1CK. Bogus callsigns like that are a little hard to see through if your English is marginal.

Be advised that 4K1F is in the South Shetlands. He's active on 40 Meters CW, as well as 20. QSL, as always, to Box 88, Moscow.

CQ Magazine, always tops in the awards department, handed out nine plaques at the Visalia International DX Convention, for their WPX and Worldwide DX Contests. At the Dayton Hamvention, twelve plaques were presented, including one to Bernie Welch, WB1MZ, who has just stepped down after many years as volunteer director of the WPX Contest.

73 Magazine has an interesting new column of International News from correspondents around the world. Pick up the June issue and take a look. TDXB highly recommends it. The cover price is \$2.49½.

MANY OF YOU are familiar with this Survey, having participated in the past. We base TDXB editorial coverage on the results of the Survey, so it is very important that you respond.

Mark the enclosed Survey form with a #2 pencil ONLY, filling in the numbered blanks corresponding to the countries you need to work. Don't forget to fill in the additional information requested: your callsign, your geographical area, and, on the BACK, indicate the number of boxes you filled in.

Re-fold the Survey form exactly as it was folded when you received it (no more) and mail as soon as possible to TDXB, PO BOX 873, Vernon CT 06066. Use a "Number 10, business size" envelope. Please mail NO LATER than June 20, 1983.

Feel free to enclose other items in the envelope if you wish...information for the Bulletin (bandpass, articles), a check for early renewal, words of praise, etc. The Survey results will be published sometime this summer.

We are very grateful to Everett Jackson, WA8CZS, who typeset and printed the Survey forms, and who will be running them through a "reader." Reader response to the Survey has run, the past three years, about 40 percent, and we'd like to do much better this year!

Last year, the Worldwide Top Twenty were: BY, Heard, Laccadives, ZA, XU, 70, 3Y, Andamans, XZ, San Felix, Malpelo, XV, 4W, YA, Peter/Paul Rocks, Crozet, A6, TT, XW, and Kermadec. It is always fun to see how things change from year to year, and this year's report will, as in the past, include detailed comparisons to the previous Surveys.

AIRMAIL SUBSCRIBERS: this issue to you is only two pages; we had to do that to keep the weight of the mailing under limits.

Each year at Survey time, your editor reveals his innermost DXCC secrets (whose idea was that, anyway?). At the time of the 1980 Survey, our own (current) DXCC total was 292. A year later it had risen to 301, then it climbed to 303 in 1982, and this time we are sitting at 307 out of 318. If you hear BY, CALL US!

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# CALENDAR

# CONTRIBUTORS

Rodrigues 3B9DA ends early May  
Bangladesh Rumored on SEANET; not heard  
Abu Ail By F6GBQ cancelled  
Caymans ZF2CM by K0BJ May 22-Jun 1  
Fr St Martin FG0HUL/FS by N3CQM May 23-Jun 3

W1WY, K1BU, K1NH, K9CJK, K6HHD, W1TN,  
K4CEF, W8UVZ, WB5ZKR, K6IR, K4BAI,  
KB8KW, W4VQ, W0BW, N9CWW, W0JRN, W1WEF,  
WB8ZRL, W7HRD, WD5AAM, W3HHG, W7YF,  
AB8K, KM9J, AD1S, K4YT, W3AZD.

Montserrat VP2MIU by AB1U May 25-Jun 6  
Contest CQ WPX CW May 28/29  
Togo 5V7WI active 20 M now; I 191  
S Shetlands 4K1F active 20/40 M CW  
W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW May 29-Jun 3

# MORE ON THE COUNTRIES SURVEY

The West Coast DX Bulletin published re-  
sults of its last Survey in January, 1979.  
The average DXCC total of those responding  
was 270, the same as TDXB has had the last  
three years. 44% had 2-letter calls and  
65% had the WAZ award completed.

Leichtenstein By PA group Jun 10-12  
W6AM Rhombic Farm Visitor's Day Jun 12  
Madeira G4JMB/CT3 by VS6CT Jun/Jul  
Fr St Martin FG0DDV/FS by NJDXA Jun 23-Jul 6  
Mt Athos Rumored around Jun 25  
St Pierre Michigan group for Radiosport  
Contest; I 190

Unfortunately, the WCDXB did not have  
a worldwide final tally...the tabulations  
were by call areas only. Four years ago,  
only three call areas rated China as the  
"most needed." Bouvet was Numero Uno in  
four call areas, with 7J1 (remember), XZ,  
and 8Z4 getting tops in one area each.

Market Reef Jul 22-Aug 1; I 189  
Malpelo October; I 188

There were several in the top twenty  
which are now deleted: 7J1, 8Z4, Kamarans,  
and even Rio de Oro showed up.

K4YT Report Manila, May 4

I operated at YB0ACP's QTH in Jakarta in Apr,  
and all QSLs should go via Phil's home call  
(K6DLV). Apr 14-21 I operated 9V1VP and QSLs  
for that go to W2TK. Finally got my K4YT/DUL  
license but haven't operated. After a week-  
end in Hong Kong I'll go by air or hovercraft  
to Canton, PRC, then to Shanghai, and finally  
to Beijing. I'll let you know if I am able  
to visit BY1PK.

Also interesting was the listing for  
Asia (mostly JA)...most needed among 256  
JA DXers polled by JH1VRQ and JA0CUV was  
South Sandwich: all 256 needed that one!  
Next in line were 3Y (also 100%), F08  
Clipperton (98%), YI, 8Z4, BY, VS9K, and  
ZA, all over 90%. WCDXB pointed how  
"geography affects things" in the rest of  
the JA needed listing: Malpelo, PY0 P  
and P, YV0, Abu Ail, Burma, Heard, So.  
Georgia, Eq. Guinea, and Serrana Bank.

My trip will finish up in Japan, Hong Kong,  
and Macao. This latest trip has been more en-  
joyable than my past African safaris because  
of good airlines, food, and the opportunity to  
do some radio operating. One gets really  
spoiled in Asia. But it's back to Africa in  
July, and that schedule will be available soon.

And, of course, geography still affects  
things...although two stations have been  
on from China for over a year, as you move  
East in North America fewer and fewer DXers  
have worked it.

# DXCC NEWS

Don't forget that deadline for Honor Roll sub-  
missions is June 30...your cards must be in  
Newington by that date. TT8AD QSLs now do  
count for DXCC, but none of the recent Mozam-  
bique operations (since late 1978) are ac-  
cepted for DXCC. 1S1CK is still in limbo...  
if you get a QSL do not submit it for DXCC.

The importance of the Survey is this...  
note that the Colombians going to Malpelo  
in October are already making plans to  
concentrate on W6/W7 and on Asia, es-  
pecially JA. In last year's TDXB Survey  
Malpelo was only #11 worldwide, but #2  
in Japan and #4 in California.

As for the DXCC status of Spratly itself,  
the DX Advisory Committee is currently con-  
sidering deleting Spratly. The reason is  
that "significant changes in administration"  
of the various islands have taken place since  
Spratly was originally added to the DXCC list.  
There are no other deletions currently under  
consideration.

So PLEASE send your Survey sheet back  
to us...it just might make the difference  
between you working something you need and  
not working it. TDXB's Survey is The  
Survey, and it is an expensive proposi-  
tion.

Please let TDXB know what you think of the  
new Bandpass format (airmail subscribers will  
see it next issue). We are trying to gear up  
to deal with worsening conditions and will es-  
pecially be concentrating on when and where to  
look for those brief, "secret" openings which  
occur as solar flux declines.



BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

MAY 9:  
Prediction: Low Norm  
Solar Flux: 125

CEØZAG 14207 02W 9  
FB8ZQ 14037 12C 9  
JWØA 14004 00E 9  
JWØA 14029 04C 9  
HZ1AB 14011 12C 9  
PY1EFM/  
PYØT 21332 19C 9  
TR8JLD 21064 20C 9  
T77C 14026 21C 9  
EK9D/1 14037 01E 9  
UF6FFJ 14030 23C 9  
UR8BZ 14026 01E 9  
UJ8BQ 14016 01E 9  
UJ8JLB 14037 23E 9  
3B8ZL 14297 01E 9  
3B8CF 14043 03C 9  
KC7UU/  
5N6 14033 23C 9  
8Q7AZ 21286 19C 9

May 10  
Prediction: Below Norm  
Solar Flux: 140

A71BJ 14216 03W 10  
NØZO/  
DU2 14028 13C 10  
EA6BD 14003 22E 10  
EA6CL 21024 23E 10  
FB8WI 14025 13C 10  
H44SH 14204 13C 10  
JT1AH 14035 13C 10  
JWØA 14003 00C 10  
JX5DW 14021 11E 10  
JX5DW 14027 12C 10  
N5DNX/  
KH2 14219 14W 10  
OD5LX 14030 03W 10  
OY7ML 14028 23E 10  
TF5BG 14008 01E 10  
TL8ER 21004 19C 10  
TL8ER 21005 21C 10  
T77C 21026 19C 10  
UL7FCG 14012 02C 10  
VU2LV 14013 01E 10  
VU2BK 14026 22E 10  
YBØADJ 14031 13C 10  
YB2BLI 14212 11E 10  
DJ5PX/  
3A 14027 23E 10  
3B8CF 14046 03C 10  
4X6GP 14015 03W 10  
5B4MN 14204 03W 10  
9H1GZ 14026 01E 10  
9H1ET 14271 01W 10  
9N1MM 14240 01C 10  
9V1UD 14019 14W 10

May 11  
Prediction: Below Norm  
Solar Flux: 165

A4XJV 14223 23E 11  
CEØAE 14297 03W 11  
EA8RL 14018 23E 11  
FB8ZQ 10106 02C 11  
TO5RV/  
FC 14204 21E 11

FR7BP 14026 14C 11  
GU4SXM 14026 23E 11  
JW4GN 14240 22C 11  
JY5HY 14290 22C 11  
OD5LX 14028 03W 11  
OX5RM 14211 22C 11  
P29LB 14254 11E 11  
TR8IG 21033 16C 11  
UL7CT 14026 02E 11  
UK7LAA 14020 11E 11  
VE1AWS/  
Sable 7022 23E 11  
VQ9CI 14202 12E 11  
VQ9CI 14203 14W 11  
3B8CF 14236 03W 11  
4U1UN 14048 14C 11  
5Z4DE 14220 04W 11  
5Z4DA 14249 14W 11

May 12  
Prediction: Below  
Norm/Disturbed;  
Solar flux: 159

A6XAD 14258 00E 12  
EA9CE 21006 18C 12  
EL2AM 14202 21C 12  
FB8ZQ 7009 02C 12  
FK8EJ 14020 12C 12  
FO8FW 7011 07C 12  
FY7BO 14054 02E 12  
FY7BC 10102 11C 12  
GJ3EML 14007 21E 12  
HKØBKX 21012 16C 12  
LX1DA 21012 18C 12  
OD5LX 3503 02E 12  
PY1EFM/  
PYØT 21329 19E 12  
N6YK/  
V2A 7008 01E 12  
N6YK/  
V2A 10105 03C 12  
V3TV 14214 02E 12  
YBØADJ 14220 11E 12  
YJ8TT 14233 04W 12  
ZB2FK 21026 22C 12  
ZD7WT 14037 00E 12  
4K1F 7003 03C 12  
5V7WD 21292 19E 12  
6W8DS 14231 05W 12  
6W8HL 14226 11E 12  
9M2HB 14225 14W 12

May 13  
Prediction: Below Norm  
Solar Flux: 151

CN2AQ 14242 04C 13  
C31XS 14211 22C 13  
EA8BX 14224 05W 13  
FK8CL 14033 03C 13  
FO8JE 14207 04C 13  
FO8IW 14212 04W 13  
J88AC 21304 03W 13  
AH2AR 14307 11E 13  
OX5RM 14209 01W 13  
PY1EFM/  
PYØT 21345 23C 13  
TR8IG 14011 23E 13  
Y11BGD 14213 19E 13  
YJ8DS 14326 04W 13  
YJ8RG 14310 04W 13

3B8FG 14029 03C 13  
3D2CJ 14028 12C 13  
5W1ED 21404 03W 13  
5W1DQ 14206 11E 13  
5Z4DA 14205 12C 13  
9M2MW 14251 11E 13

May 14  
Prediction: Low Norm  
Solar Flux: 153

CEØAE 14297 02W 14  
C31XS 14223 23E 14  
FO8FW 14001 03E 14  
H44SH 14219 14E 14  
J28DN 14209 03C 14  
KC6IN 14207 12C 14  
(East Carols)  
OX3BA 14208 03W 14  
OX5RM 14208 03W 14  
P29GT 14255 12E 14  
P29LB 14248 12E 14  
P29FS 14204 14C 14  
P29VH 14203 15W 14  
PZ1CW 14203 02E 14  
TR8JLD 21025 22E 14  
T3ØDB 14310 03W 14  
VK9NS 21029 23E 14  
VQ9CI 14212 12E 14  
VS5HG 14208 15W 14  
V3DRG 21340 01W 14  
YB9ZE 14227 12E 14  
YJ8KG 14047 13C 14  
Z21HN 14039 12C 14  
3B8CA 14202 12C 14  
3B9DA 14209 12E 14  
3D2CJ 14022 13E 14  
5H3DM 21292 21E 14  
5Z4DA 14204 13C 14  
6W8DS 14226 22E 14  
8J1WCY 14020 13E 14  
8Q7AB 14202 12C 14

May 15  
Prediction: High Norm  
Solar Flux: 143

NØZO/  
DU2 14027 14E 15  
EL2AM 21370 21E 15  
FR7BP 14025 13C 15  
TL8CB 21309 20E 15  
UL7CAZ 14012 02E 15  
YJ8ZV 14201 12E 15  
ZL3PA/C 14211 12E 15  
3V8AA 14022 22E 15  
5H3SG 21309 20E 15  
5R8AL 14223 13E 15  
9V1OK 14006 14E 15

May 16  
Prediction: High Norm  
Solar Flux: 133

C21RK 14223 12C 16  
NØZO/  
DU2 7002 10E 16  
FR7BP 14027 11E 16  
KHØAC 14202 12C 16  
UG6GDS 14029 02E 16  
YJ8RG 21345 01E 16

May 17  
Prediction: High Norm  
Solar Flux: 130

JX5DW 14025 02E 17  
T77V 14213 01E 17  
VU2UGI 14026 01E 17  
3B8DB 14223 12C 17  
5N2LED 14204 01E 17  
9N1MM 14222 01E 17

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